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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:				
	Shunko MAGOSHI et al.)	Group Art Unit:	2881
Application No.: 10/602,670)	Examiner:	Zia R. Hashimi
Filed:	June 25, 2003)		
For:	METHOD FOR CORRECTING A PROXIMITY EFFECT, AN EXPOSURE METHOD, A MANUFACTURING METHOD OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A PROXIMITY CORRECTION MODULE)))))		
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004. Claims 1-22 remain pending. Please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over published U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0093767 A1 by Murai et al. ("Murai") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,051,598 to Ashton et al. ("Ashton"). Specifically, the Examiner alleges that Murai teaches every element of the claims, except calculating a corrected dose for the processing pattern according to the pattern area density as recited by the claims. (OA, page 2.) The Examiner, however, alleges that Ashton supplies this missing teaching. (OA, page 3.) Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.